



CHARLIE CRIST
GOVERNOR

TEEN DRIVER SAFETY WEEK

WHEREAS, the U.S. House of Representatives established the third week in October as *National Teen Driver Safety Week*; and

WHEREAS, the state of Florida is home to nearly 773,000 teen drivers; and

WHEREAS, traffic crashes are the leading cause of death among teenagers both in the state of Florida and nationally; and

WHEREAS, teen crashes and fatalities decreased significantly between 2008 and 2009 with an eight percent decrease in crashes and a 21 percent decrease in fatalities; and

WHEREAS, teen drivers had the highest collision rate of any age group in Florida last year when nearly 30,000 teen drivers were involved in crashes, and 284 people in the state of Florida were killed when a teen was driving; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles joins with various state and local agencies, safety advocates and industry partners to help reduce the number of teen crashes and ultimately to save lives; and

WHEREAS, the state of Florida also recognizes the importance of safe teen driving programs and encourages parental involvement in helping young people to develop critical driving skills;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Charlie Crist, Governor of the state of Florida do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing October 17 - 23, 2010, as *Teen Driver Safety Week*.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capitol, this 27th day of August, in the year two thousand ten.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Charlie Crist".

Governor